

### Our long-term goals



#### **Profitable growth**

Long-term strategy based on organic growth combined with acquisitions



#### **Innovation**

Significant investment in research and breeding



#### Independence

Since generations supported by family shareholders



### **Sustainability**

Long-term economic success and sustainable development

### **Seed specialist**









### KWS ranks among the world's leading companies for plant breeding



NET SALES\*
in million €

1,310

**COUNTRIES** 

>70

**EMPLOYEES\*** 

6,000

**INNOVATION\*** 

in % of net sales

19.3

**YIELD PROGRESS** 

crops Ø p.a. in %

1-2

\*Financial year 2020/2021



#### Global



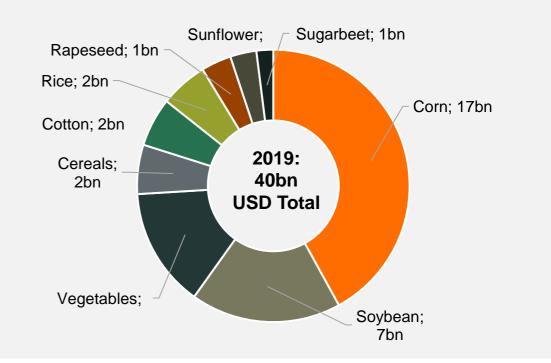
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- 4. Vilmorin
- 5 kws

Sources: AgbioInvestor 2020 and KWS estimates.

### Europe

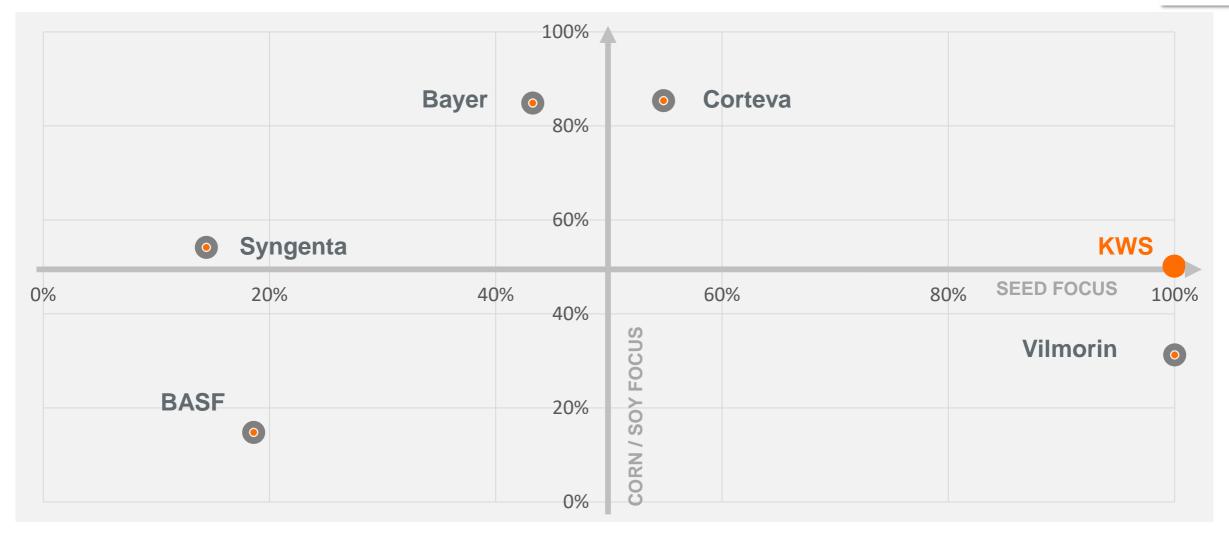
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#### **Global Commercial Seed Market (in USD)**



### Strategic market position

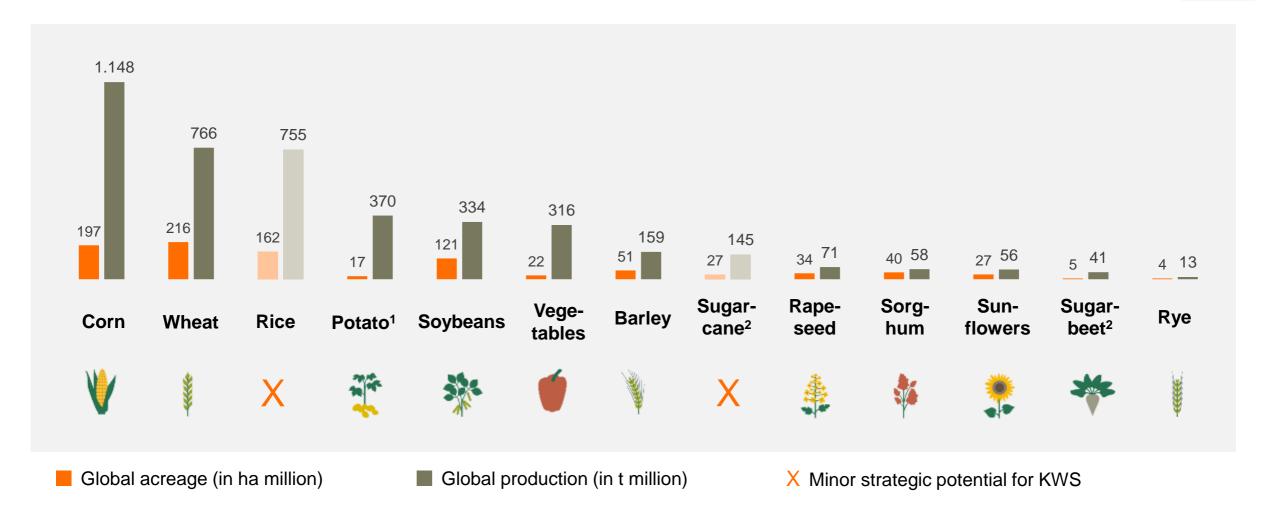




Source: AgbioInvestor 2020 and KWS estimates (% corn/soy sales of field and vegetables seed sales; % seed sales of total ag sales)

### Our portfolio includes seeds for 11 of the 13 most important crops/crop groups





Source: faostat.fao.org (Data for 2019), zuckerverbaende.de; <sup>1</sup> No commercial business for KWS, but target of strategic research and development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sugarcane and Sugarbeet production numbers represent sugar extracted from these crops and not the crop produced.

### Corn segment



NET SALES\*
in € million

774

**EBITDA**\* in € million

106

**EBIT**\* in € million

**71** 



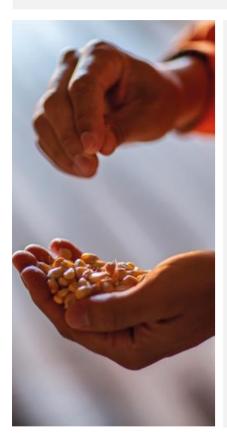




Corn

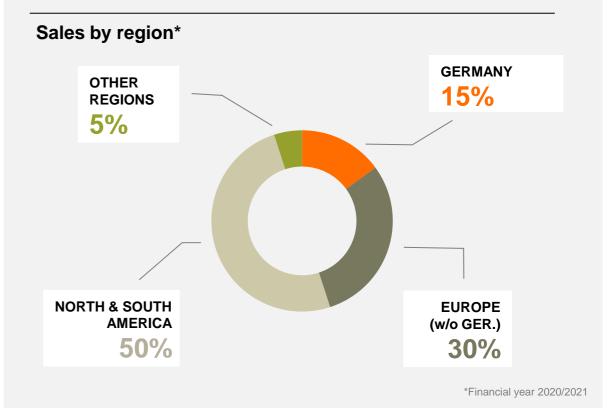
Soybeans

Sunflower



#### Overview

- Presence in main markets: United States, China, Brazil and EU-27; market leader in silage corn
- Aim to become global player, increase market shares in all main markets
- Growth driver: commercialization of new competitive varieties in Europe and Brazil, growth in China
- Seasonality: mainly Q3



### Sugarbeet Segment



NET SALES\* in € million

**524** 

**EBITDA\*** in € million

193

**EBIT\*** in € million

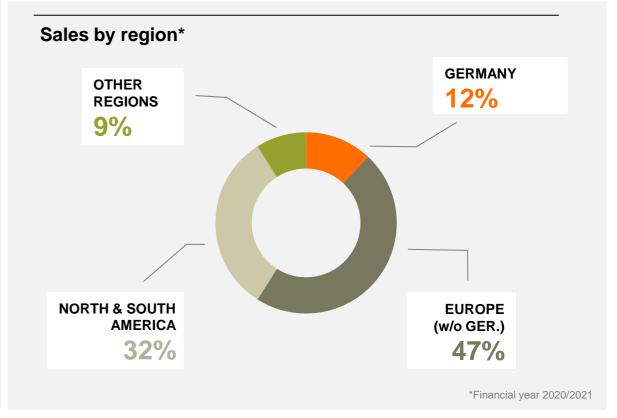
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#### Overview

- Leading position globally with >60% market share
- Growth driver: innovative product portfolio & pipeline, addressing needs of sugarbeet growers
- Example: CONVISO® SMART, a conventionally bred sugarbeet for highly effective weed management
- Seasonality: mainly Q3



### **Cereals Segment**



NET SALES\*
in € million

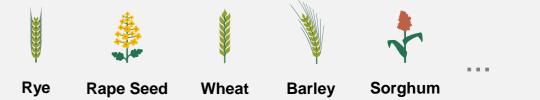
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**EBITDA**\* in € million

31

**EBIT**\* in € million

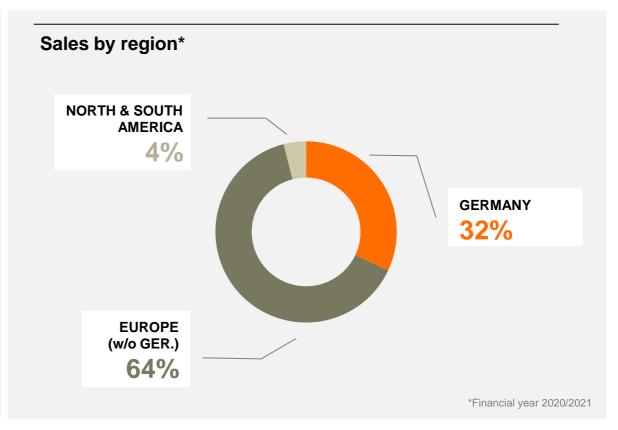
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#### Overview

- Broad portfolio of cereal crops
- #1 in hybrid rye, leading position in rape seed
- Strong R&D pipeline including hybrid wheat
- Growth driver: hybrid rye, regional expansion
- Seasonality: mainly H1



### Vegetables Segment



NET SALES\*
in € million

**58** 

**EBITDA**<sup>1</sup> in € million

10

**EBIT**<sup>1</sup> in € million

8



**Spinach** 



**Beans** 



Chard

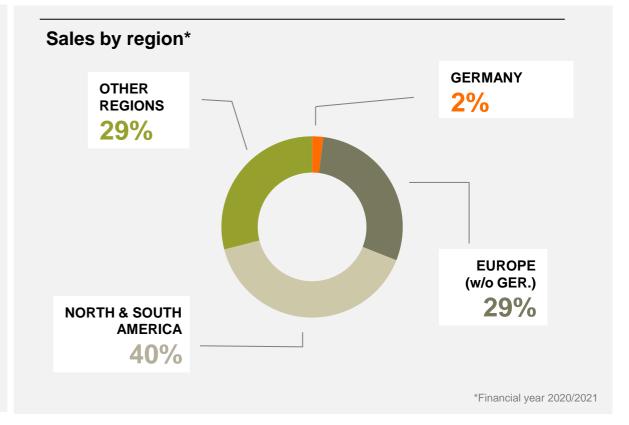


**Tomato** 



#### **Overview**

- #1 in spinach seeds
- Long-term aspiration: 5% market share of global vegetable seed market
- Initiation of international breeding programs
- Focus on main vegetable crops: tomato, melon, watermelon, cucumber, pepper
- Seasonality: none



<sup>1</sup> Excl. ppa-effects



### Significant increase in Net income / Earnings per share



In € million	2020/2021	2019/2020	+/-
Net sales	1,310.2	1,282.6	2,2%
EBITDA	230.9	225.5	2,4%
EBIT	137.0	137.4	-0,3%
Financial result	5.5	-7.8	-
Result of ordinary activities	142.2	129.5	9,8%
Taxes	31.6	34.3	-7,9%
Net income	110.6	95.2	16,2%
Earnings per share (in €)	3.35	2.89	15,9%

EBIT MARGIN (excl. ppa-effects)

EBIT as a % of net sales

12.5% (13.3%)

**COST OF SALES** 

as a % of net sales

43.6% (42.9%)

**R&D INTENSITY** 

as a % of net sales

19.3% (18.4%)

Tax rate

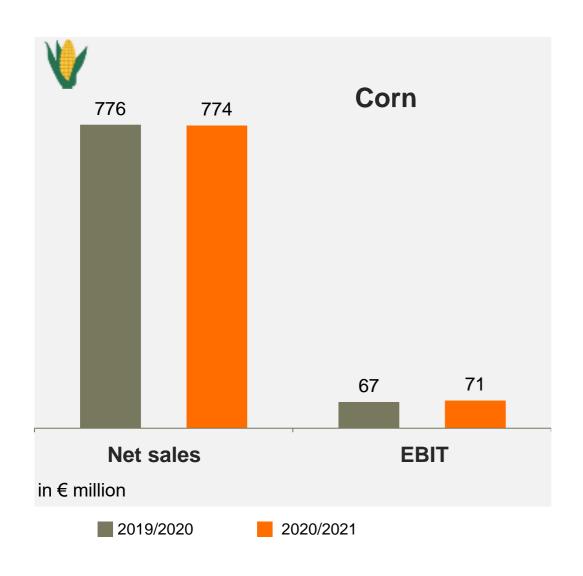
in %

**22.2%** (26.5%)

Previous year's figures in brackets

### Segment development - Corn





#### FY 2020/2021

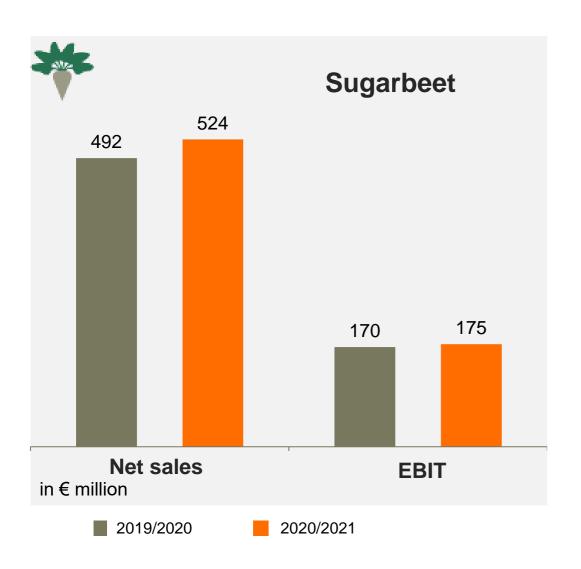
- FX adj. sales growth (+8.3%) driven by European markets and South America
- Excellent performance of new grain corn varieties in Southern & Eastern Europe
- Strong volume increase in Brazil due to higher acreage and market share
- U.S. Joint Venture sales (AgReliant) slightly below previous year's level
- Segment EBIT increased by 6% to € 71m (67m)
- EBIT margin improved to 9.2% (8.6%)

#### Outlook 2021/2022

Significant sales increase / EBIT margin at previous year's level

### Segment development - Sugarbeet





#### FY 2020/2021

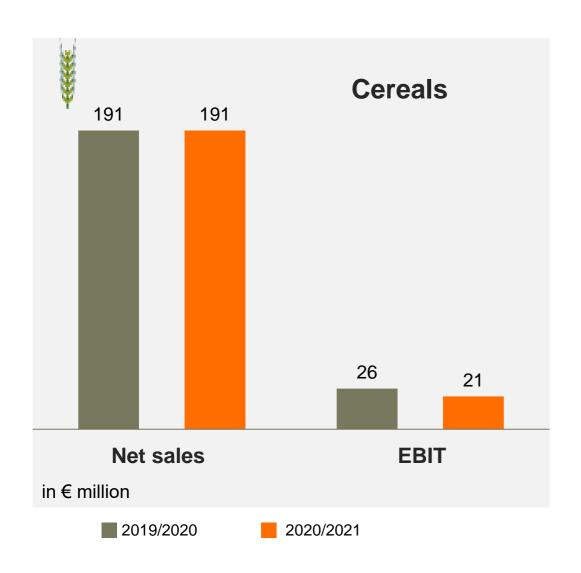
- Segment sales increased by 6.6% (FX adj.: +13.0%)
- High demand for CONVISO® SMART and initial sales for newly launched varieties with Cercospora tolerance (CR+)
- Segment EBIT increased to € 175m (170m) despite negative FX impact and higher prime costs in seed multiplication due to weather conditions
- Strong profitability of >30% EBIT margin maintained

#### Outlook 2021/2022

Sales and EBIT margin at previous year's level

### Segment development - Cereals





#### FY 2020/2021

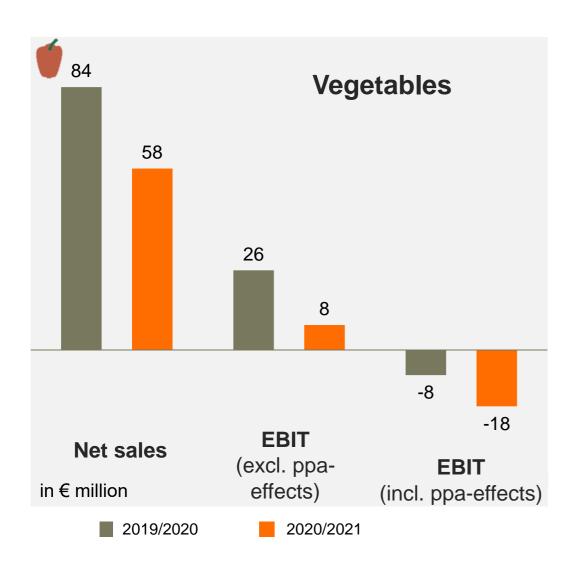
- FX adjusted growth (+3.3%) driven by rapeseed and wheat
- Sales for main crop hybrid rye stable (FX adj.)
- Segment EBIT below previous year due to higher expenses in R&D and marketing & selling for growth initiatives

#### Outlook 2021/2022

Slight increase in sales and EBIT margin

### Segment development - Vegetables





#### FY 2020/2021

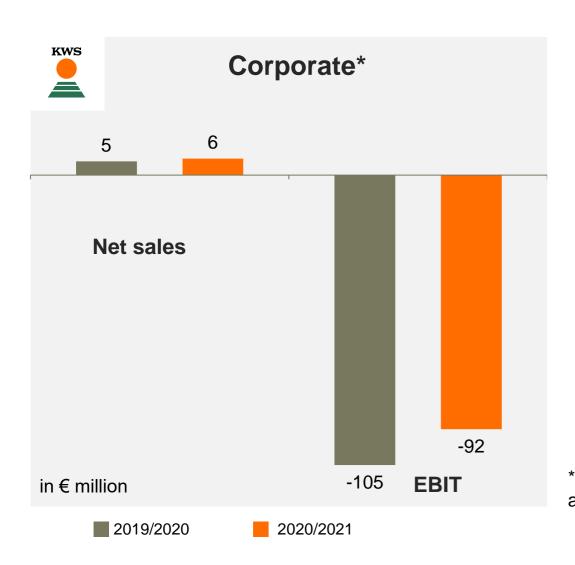
- Strong decline in sales due to Covid-19-pandemic (reduced demand for fresh spinach in main food service market U.S.)
- Sales in bean seeds up by 13%
- EBIT significantly reduced due to sales decline and
- ppa-effects include non-cash items of:
  - € –4.1m from sale of inventories (at fair value)
  - € –21.9m amortization of intangible assets

#### Outlook 2021/2022

Significant business recovery; significant increase in sales and profitability

### Segment development – Corporate\*





#### FY 2020/2021

 Improvement due to positive FX effects from financial instruments and pandemic-related cost savings

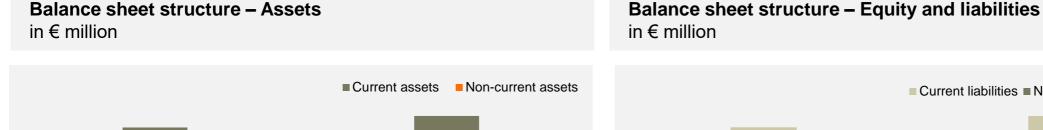
#### Outlook 2021/2022

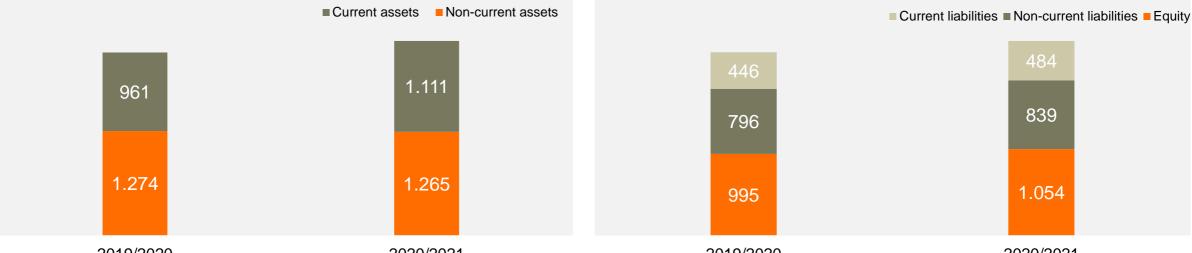
About € –100m

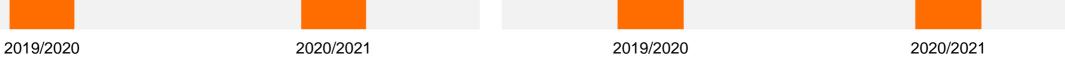
<sup>\*</sup>Segment includes cross-segment costs for the KWS Group's central functions and basic research expenditure; EBIT typically negative

### Balance sheet as of June 30, 2021









#### **TOTAL ASSETS** in € million

**2,377** (2,235)

#### **EQUITY RATIO**

as a % of total assets

44.3% (44.5%)

#### **NET DEBT**

in € million

**475.6** (495.5)

#### **Average ROCE**

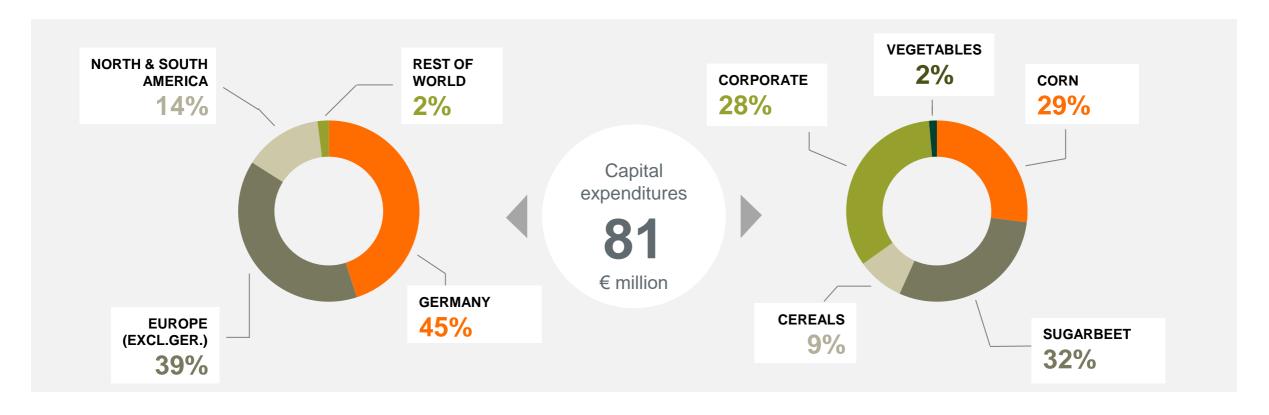
in %

8.5% (8.4%)

Previous year's figures in brackets

### Overview capital expenditures





Investment focus: Germany

## Forecast for the KWS Group for fiscal 2021/2022



	Forecast 2021/2022	Actual 2020/2021
Net sales growth	5 – 7%	€1,310 million
EBIT margin*	11 – 12%	12.5%
R&D ratio	18 – 20%	19.3%

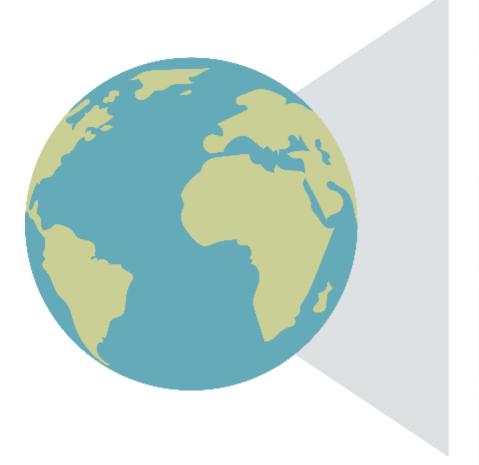
<sup>\*</sup>w/o ppa effects from company acquisitions





## For efficient agriculture it is crucial to meet the challenges of high-yield agricultural harvests







Population growth: Food demand is expected to rise by 60% through 2050



Reduction of per capita cultivation area: The population is growing faster than the acreage



Climate change: Change in abiotic stress requires new variety characteristics



Harvest losses: Approx. 50% due to insects, weeds, fungal diseases and damage in storage



Limited resources: water, fertilizers and pesticides

# We develop high yielding and resource-efficient varieties for a sustainable agriculture







#### Safe yields

Securing yield stability and developing higher yields for a sustainable supply



#### Resource efficiency

Reducing consumption of water, fertilizer, chemical plant protection



## Increased nutrient content

Optimization of energy and nutrient content for more efficient use of acreage



#### **Diversification**

Securing sustainability through broadly diversified breeding material

### Green Deal – Farm to Fork targets of EU Commission





#### **EU GREEN DEAL TARGETS**



Reduce sales of **antimicrobials** for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50% by 2030



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides** by 2030







Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture** by 2030



Bring back at least 10% of agricultural area under highdiversity landscape features by 2030

### KWS Sustainability Ambition 2030



#### **Product Impact**



#### Safeguard food production

- 1.5 % annual yield gain for farmers through progress in plant breeding and
- Digital farming solutions on >6 million hectares



#### Minimize input required

- Invest >30 % p.a. of R&D budget into reduction of inputs
- >25% of KWS varieties are suitable for low input



#### **Enhance crop diversity**

 Increase number of crops with dedicated breeding programs from 24 to 27



#### Support sustainable diets

 >40 % of KWS varieties are suitable for predominantly direct use in human nutrition





#### Improve operational footprint

- Reduce scope 1 & 2 emissions by 50 % until 2030 and to net-zero by 2050
- Establish score cards



#### Foster social engagement

- Min. 1 % EBIT p.a. into social projects
- Improve employee engagement
- Declining trend of accidents/illnesses index

### Examples for KWS' contribution for more sustainability in agriculture





- Variety and performance testing for the early selection of efficient organic varieties and plant material from conventional breeding programs
- Seeds of high performance and quality optimized for organic farming



#### **Biologicals**

- Biologicals can help to reduce chemical crop protection
- Useful microorganisms protect yield against pests, abiotic stress (cold, drought, etc.)
- Biologicals can be applied as treatment directly to the seed. Very efficient in protecting the seedling right at the beginning of the development

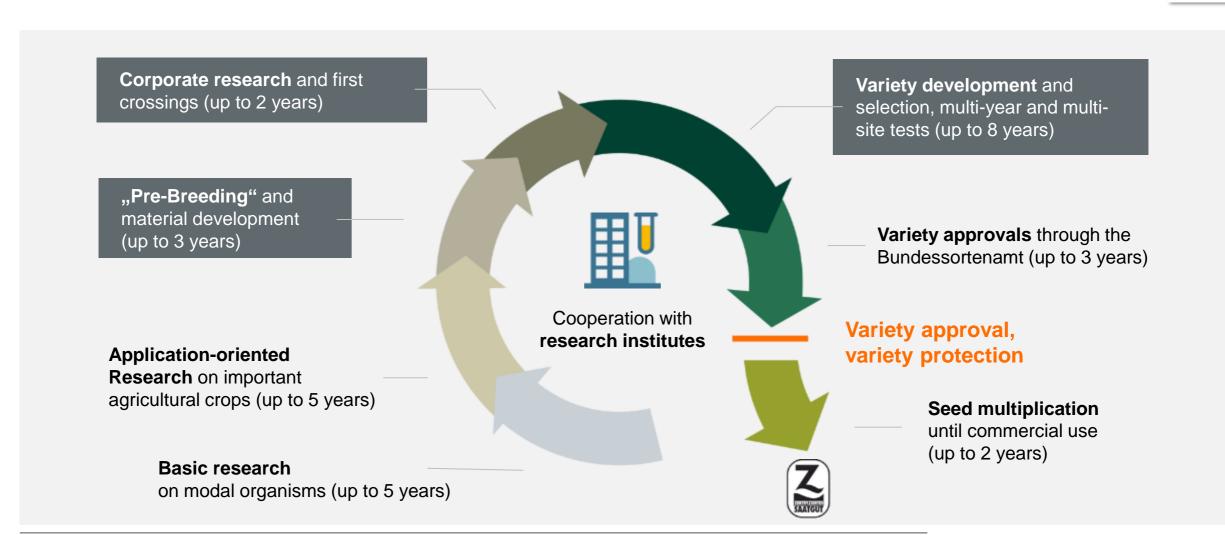


**Hybridrye** 

- Used as feed increases animal health as a feed
- Good resistance to dryness
- Less nitrogen, water and crop protection compared to wheat
- Smallest carbon footprint of cereals in Germany (greenhouse gas emissions for cultivation)

# Developing a new variety is a complex process and takes 8 to 12 years





Source: BDP, changed

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### Diverse portfolio of strong varieties





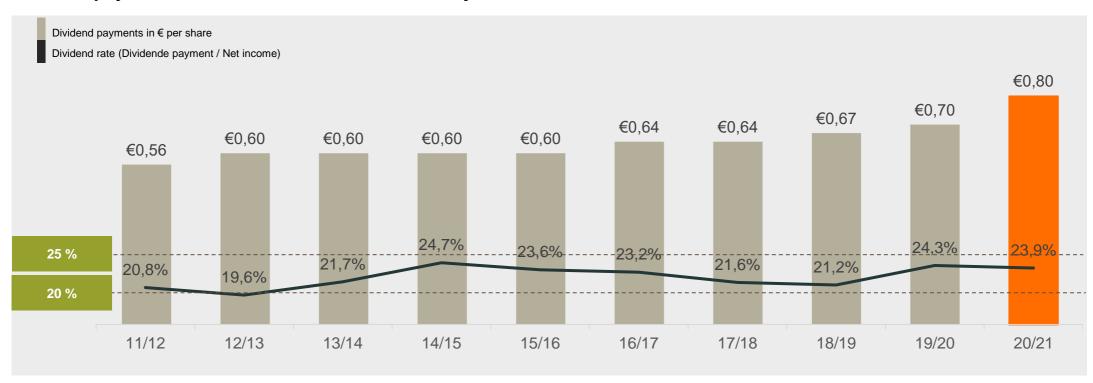
### 492 variety approvals in FY 2020/2021



### Dividend proposal: Increase to 0.80 Euro per share



#### Dividend payments and dividend rate of the last 10 years



### Dividend policy continued

### Key figures for the KWS share, shareholdings and coverage



1 General Data

ISIN

Number of shares

Type

2 Closing price (Xetra)\*

- June 30, 2021
- June 30, 20209

3 Daily trading volume (avg.)

- **2**020/2021
- **2019/2020**

4 Market capitalization

- June 30, 2021
- June 30, 2020

DE0007074007 33.000.000 No-par value shares

> in € 69.40 66.70

in shares/day

9,203

14,354

in € million

2,290 2,201



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**FREE FLOAT** 

54.4%

15.4%

AT 7

30.2%















### Financial calendar and IR contact



**November 18, 2021** Q1 Report 2021/2022

**December 2, 2021** Annual General Meeting

**February 14, 2022** H1 Report 2021/2022



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